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Federal Communications Commission

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To Whom It May Concern:

Montana Farmers Union wishes to register our comments on WT Proceeding Docket No. 11-65, "In the Matter of Applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telecom AG for Consent to Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations."

We support the merger of these two telecommunications companies and offer our endorsement. We urge the Commission to approve this transaction unconditionally.

Our reasons for support are centered on the expedited deployment of mobile broadband networks, especially in rural areas. The combined resources of AT&T and T-Mobile, along with an additional \$8 billion investment in infrastructure, will make mobile broadband access available to almost the entire country's population.

This is a highly desirable outcome and has been a goal established by President Obama under the National Broadband Plan. Montana Farmers Union seeks to protect the West's greatest assets: the quality of our natural resources, the character and viability of family-based agriculture, and the ability of citizens to shape the public policies that affect our land, our water, and our lives. This aim is furthered by making mobile broadband access available to western communities that are currently underserved.

Our farms, ranches, small businesses, schools, civic organizations and every household stands to benefit from the upgrade to high-speed, wireless Internet. It will lessen the impact of distance, offer new

innovation and present many different opportunities to enhance our lives. Unquestionably the advantages for the rural West far outweigh any drawbacks. Please bear these factors in mind as you make a historic decision.

Thank you for your service to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan Merrill".

Alan Merrill, President